

Men healthy ought to be done ; it is certainly proper to keep C. C. them from being crowded ; you'll therefore call on the Tent-makers and get about thirty Tents. The Men by being thus separated may have fresh Air & be kept clean. Cap^t Furnival has very warmly pressed for a Commission to Gerrock which we have given him, in Hopes of his being able to assist in filling the Company as well as under a Confidence that he will be a good Officer

We are &^{ca}

Maj^r Nath^l Smith.

[Council to Col. S. Smith.]

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In Council Annapolis 5th June 1777

Sir

Inclosed you have an Account of the Money advanced, as you desire. M^r Ridgely says he gave you an Account of it before. We enquired of such as we thought might probably give us some Account of M^r Robert Waters but cannot discover who he is ; M^r Duvall says he believes he was recommended by some Gentlemen of the Eastern Shore ; we shall have an Opportunity next Week of making an effectual Enquiry and if necessary appoint another ; but cannot be justified in displacing an Officer merely because we do not know him.

We have no Power to exempt any Person from Service in the Militia on any Terms, it is only in the Power of the Legislature, before whom the Resolution of Congress you mention will be laid for Consideration

We are &^{ca}

Col^o S. Smith.

Friday June 6th 1777.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Leave is given to John Campbell of Queen Ann's County, the Bearer of this, to depart this State on a Voyage to the French West Indies, he having signed the Association, enrolled in the Militia, and as far as we know or have Reason to believe, conducted himself as a friend to America.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captⁿ John Keltie one hundred pounds on Acc^t

[Council to B. Rumsey.]

C. C.

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Sir.

We have no Prospect of being able soon to get the Row Gallies which we have already commissioned, rigged or